IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WACO DIVISION

K.MIZRA LLC,	Civil Action No.: 6:20-cv-01031-ADA
Plaintiff,	
v.	Jury Trial Demanded
CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.,	
Defendant.	

MOTION TO EXCLUDE OPINIONS OF AMBREEN SALTERS ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF K.MIZRA LLC

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Plaintiff K.Mizra LLC ("K.Mizra") hereby moves to exclude opinions of Ambreen Salters (Damages Expert Report of Ambreen Salters ("Salters Report"), Ex. 1), a damages expert endorsed by Defendant Cisco Systems, Inc. ("Cisco"). The challenged opinions concern Cisco's infringement of asserted method and system claims of U.S. Patent No. 8,234,705 ("the '705 Patent") under *Georgia-Pacific v. U.S. Plywood Corp.*, 318 F. Supp 1116 (S.D.N.Y. 1970) (also referred to as "*Georgia-Pacific* Factors"). These opinions are not sufficiently tied to or supported by evidence, such as prior license agreements and incomplete Cisco documents. As a result, Ms. Salters' ultimate opinion that K.Mizra is only entitled to a or alternatively, and any testimony related thereto should not be allowed into evidence at trial.

I. BACKGROUND

K.Mizra accuses certain Cisco ISE and AnyConnect products ("Accused Products") running on of infringing independent Claims 1, 10, and 12 and dependent Claims 9 and 16 of the '705 Patent. (*See* Joint Status Report (ECF No. 111).) The Parties agree that a reasonable royalty type of damage analysis and a hypothetical negotiation date of which is when appropriate. Both parties have calculated damages both from the date of the Complaint in November 2020 and from an alternative date of

II. LEGAL STANDARD

Trial courts must act as gatekeepers for all expert testimony in order to evaluate whether an expert has met the criteria set forth in Fed. R. Evid. 702. *See Micro Chem., Inc. v. Lextron, Inc.*, 317 F.3d 1387, 1391 (Fed. Cir. 2003) (citing Fed. R. Evid. 702(a) and *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharms., Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579, 589–92 (1993)). An expert with scientific, technical, or other

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specialized knowledge may provide expert testimony "if (1) the testimony is based upon sufficient facts or data, (2) the testimony is the product of reliable principles and methods, and (3) the witness has applied the principles and methods reliably to the facts of the case." Fed. R. Evid. 702(a); see also Micro Chem., 317 F.3d at 1391. The party offering the expert testimony has the burden of satisfying this standard. Graham v. San Antonio Zoological Soc'y, 261 F. Supp. 3d 711, 727–28 (W.D. Tex. 2017) (citing Moore v. Ashland Chem. Inc., 151 F.3d 269, 276 (5th Cir. 1998)); see also Paz v. Brush Engineered Materials, Inc., 555 F.3d 383, 387 (5th Cir. 2010).

III. ARGUMENT

A. Ms. Salters' Lump Sum Calculation Has No Basis And Is Legally Wrong. Ms. Salters' calculation of a of the Salters Report should be excluded. Ms. Salters' Report does not and her deposition testimony confirmed that the ... (Ex. 1, ¶¶ 98 (citing Ex. 1 at 57 (StoneTurn Exhibit 2 (which merely states "(a) See report narrative for detail"))), 32, 47, 49, 67; Deposition of Ambreen Salters ("Salters Dep."), Ex. 2, 36:15–41:4.) Ms. Salters simply copied the identical , with no other considerations. Accordingly, her lump sum calculation set forth in Paragraphs 32 and 98 should be excluded and no testimony allowed as to any lump sum calculations. Ms. Salters also opines that

why in her affirmative opinions, but later states

(Ex. 1, ¶ 98, p. 57.) Ms. Salters does not explain

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reasoning is contrary to the purpose of a lump sum license and Cisco's Lucent Techs., Inc. v. Gateway, Inc., 580 F.3d 1301, 1326 (Fed. Cir. 2009). In Lucent, the Federal Circuit describes that the lump-sum analysis involves different considerations than a running royalty analysis, including that it is usually the remainder of the patent term because it removes any risk of underreporting by the infringer and avoids the administrative burdens of monitoring usage. Id. These are exactly the benefits testified to by Cisco and that Ms. Salters ignores. For these reasons as well, the opinions expressed by Ms. Salters in Paragraphs 32 and 98 of her Report are factually and legally incorrect and any testimony relating thereto should not be allowed at trial.

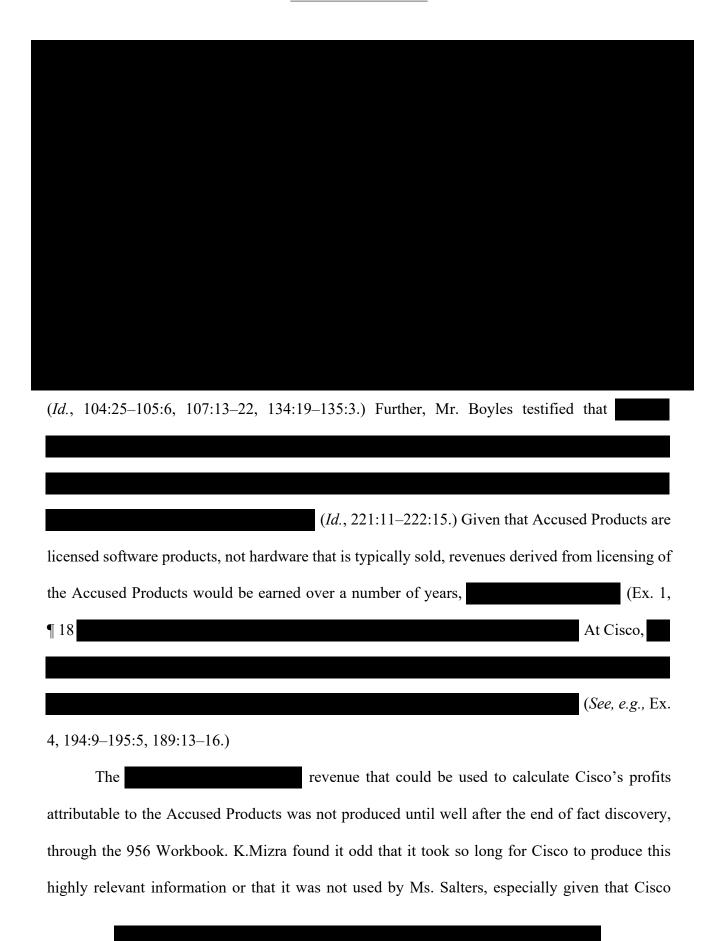
B. Ms. Salters' Reasonable Royalty Opinion Is Also Legally And Factually Wrong.

Ms. Salters' running royalty calculation should also be excluded for several separate reasons. (Ex. 1, ¶¶ 32, 84, 98 (citing StoneTurn Exhibit 1).) First, Cisco's licensing representative, Mr. Hamilton, testified that (Hamilton Deposition ("Hamilton Dep."), Ex. 3). (Ex. 1, ¶¶ 32, 98; Ex. 2, 8:20–9:2; Ex. 3, 16:20–23; 85:2–5.) No evidence reflects that a running reasonable royalty is justified here, and Ms. Salters really does not point to any. These simple facts establish that Ms. Salters' offering of a reasonable royalty opinion is untethered from the facts of this case and she should not be allowed to testify about that opinion at trial. *See, e.g. Wordtech Sys. v. Integrated Networks Sols., Inc.*, 609 F.3d 1308, 1320 (Fed. Cir. 2010) (lump-sum agreements are not indicative of a running royalty). However, there is much more requiring that this opinion as set forth in is not presented at trial.

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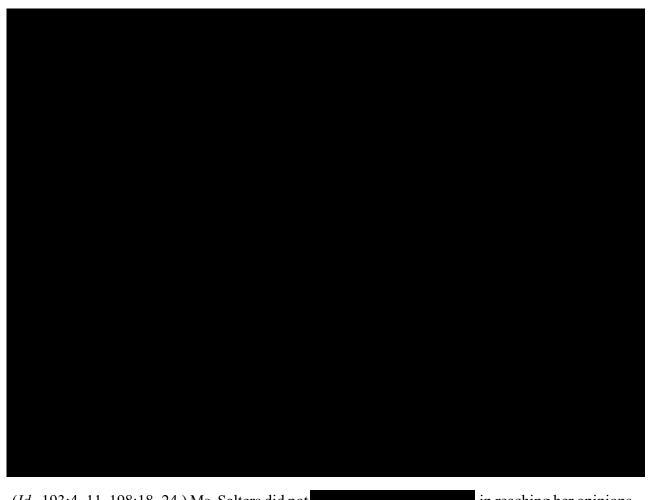
1. Ms. Salters' Reliance on the 928/929 Workbooks to Calculate a Reasonable Royalty Was Fatal Error.

Ms. Salters' next error was calculating the revenue for Accused Products using
, from two Cisco-produced Excel workbooks reflecting
for AnyConnect, the 928 Workbook, and ISE, the 929 Workbook. However, the Rule 30(b)(6)
representative who was produced to testify for Cisco on financial data produced, outside consultant
Steven Boyles, testified that
. (Boyles Depositions ("Boyles Dep."), March 23, 2023 and April 7, 2023, Ex. 4, 35:3-
13, 41:2-8, 43:7-25, 134:19-135:3). In other words, the Workbooks contain



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(Id., 201:25-202:4.) In any case, Cisco provided no justification for the late production,
but unsurprisingly the 956 Workbook reflected for the Accused Products,
An exemplary screenshot of



(*Id.*, 193:4–11, 198:18–24.) Ms. Salters did not in reaching her opinions. Instead, she

(Ex. 1, ¶ 84 (citing Ex. 1

at 67 (StoneTurn Workpaper 3)); Ex. 2, 164:12–165:3; Ex. 4, 18:17–20, 17:24–18:16, 37:11–23.) In short, Ms. Salters simply did what Cisco instructed her to do without any independent review.

Accordingly, Ms. Salters' use of the 928 and 929 Workbooks to calculate a reasonable royalty is contrary to how the Accused Products are sold and the data produced by Cisco in this case. *Georgia-Pacific* Factor 8 is directed to the established profitability of the accused profits and while the Court has broad discretion for the appropriate method of calculating profits, the relevant evidence shows that

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is not reliable as applied to calculate Accused Products revenues, meaning Ms. Salters' calculation on a running reasonable royalty in Paragraphs 32, 84 and 98 should be excluded and no testimony concerning those opinions should be allowed at trial. 2.

Ms. Salters' Running Royalty Incorrectly

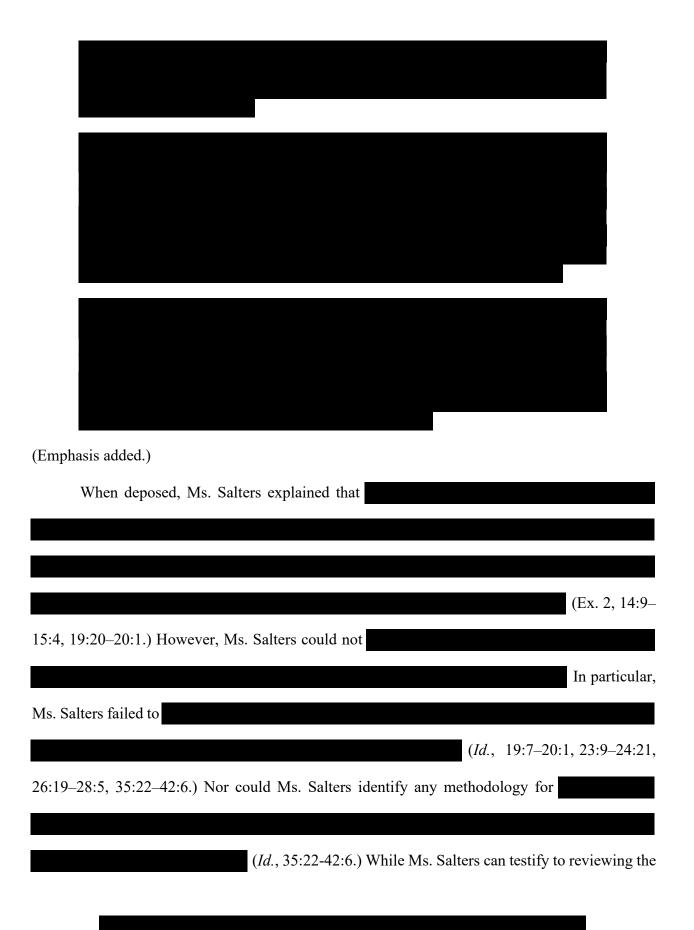
In calculating the sales of Accused Products in **Paragraph 84**, Ms. Salters also (Ex. 1, ¶ 84 n.161; *cf.* Ex. 4, 181:3–14, 188:23–189:16, 197:5–10, 214:10–215:11.) In any case, it makes no logical sense that Cisco deliberately produced



(Emphasis added.)

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Ms. Salters excluded p	roduced in the 956 Work	book only
because	. (Ex. 2, 143	3:5–144:2,
149:12–150:1.) Mr. Boyles' contrary testimony that		
	(Ex. 1, ¶¶ 84 n	.161, 103;
Ex. 4, 238:2–239:5; Ex. 2, 171:3–7.) For these reasons, Ms. 5	Salters' running royalty cal	culation in
Paragraphs 32, 84, and 98 are flawed, underinclusive, cor	ntrary to the evidence, and	should be
excluded for this reason as well.		
3. Ms. Salters' Opinion that to the Royalty Calculation Are Unst	Are Relevant upported.	
Next, Ms. Salters opines that three agreements are	relevant under the George	gia-Pacific
hypothetical negotiation to support both her royalty calcula	ations. (Ex. 1, ¶¶ 49, 51–54	4, 64, 67.)
Radix Holdings owned the '705 Patent in 2015 and would	d accordingly be	
Out of all the agreements produced during di	scovery, Ms. Salters de	emed the
	stating	g:



she should not be allowed to testify and opine that

Ms. Salters also failed in her "comparability" determination in relying almost exclusively on the to assess a lump sum royalty. (Ex. 1, ¶¶ 49, 64, 67.) As this Court is aware, an expert may rely on prior licenses to assess damages, however, the licenses relied on "must be sufficiently comparable to the hypothetical license at issue in suit . . ." to be considered relevant. *Uniloc, USA, Inc. v. Microsoft Corp.*, 632 F.3d 1292, 1316 (Fed. Cir. 2011) (quoting *Lucent*, 580 F.3d at 1325) (quotations omitted). Specifically, "a reasonable royalty is often determined on the basis of a hypothetical negotiation, occurring between the parties *at the time* that infringement began." *Id.* at 1312 (emphasis added); *see also Luhn v. Scott*, No. A-04-CA-521-LY, 2007 WL 9700685, at *9 (W.D. Tex. Sept. 28, 2007), *aff'd*, 283 F. App'x 813 (Fed. Cir. 2008) ("A court bases its determination of a reasonable royalty on what a willing licensor and licensee would have bargained for during hypothetical negotiations *on the date the infringement started.*") (emphasis added) (citing *State Indus., Inc. v. Mor-Flo Indus., Inc.*, 883 F.2d 1573, 1580 (Fed. Cir. 1989).)

Demonstrating sufficient economic and technological comparability include considering factors like the bargaining positions of and relationship between the parties, whether there was a settlement of litigation, the date of the prior agreement, the inclusion of other patents, technology, products or services in the prior agreement, the license structure (e.g., lump sum versus running royalty), the patentee's licensing policies, the royalty base and rate, the geographic and/or temporal scope of the license, exclusivity versus non-exclusivity of the license, the importance of the licensed technology in driving sales and usage of the licensed products, the profitability of the licensed products, etc. *United Servs. Auto. Ass'n v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, No. 2:18-CV-00366-

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JRG-RSP, 2019 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 219186, at *3 (E.D. Tex. Dec. 19, 2019) (showing of technological and economical comparability required to support theory surrounding hypothetical negotiation); *VirnetX, Inc. v. Cisco Sys., Inc.*, 767 F.3d 1308, 1330 (Fed. Cir. 2014); *ResQNet.com, Inc. v. Lansa, Inc.*, 594 F.3d 860, 869 (Fed. Cir. 2010); *Finjan, Inc. v. Secure Computing Corp.*, 626 F.3d 1197, 1211 (Fed. Cir. 2010) (must account for differences in the technologies and economic circumstances of the contracting parties); *LaserDynamics, Inc. v. Quanta Comput., Inc.*, 694 F.3d 51, 78 (Fed. Cir. 2012) (abuse of discretion to admit testimony and evidence regarding licenses that are not comparable to the hypothetical negotiation). *Lucent*, 580 F.3d at 1326–39.

Here, while , Cisco makes
commercial embodiments of the '705 Patent, i.e., the Accused Products. They are not
(Ex. 1,
¶ 49.) In contrast,
(See Ex.
2, 33:14–15, 34:11–23.) In short, the circumstances in the
at all to the hypothetical negotiation. Ms. Salters ignores the factual differences between the
hypothetical parties and the Any opinions as to its relevancy in Paragraphs
49, 64, and 67 should be excluded.
Next, Ms. Salters found the licenses to
here

relevant. That finding was based on:



Ms. Salters here similarly ignores or does not appear to consider data that would be relevant to a comparability analysis. (Ex. 1, ¶ 51–54, 67.)

(Ex. 2, 53:24–60:14.) There were no considerations as to

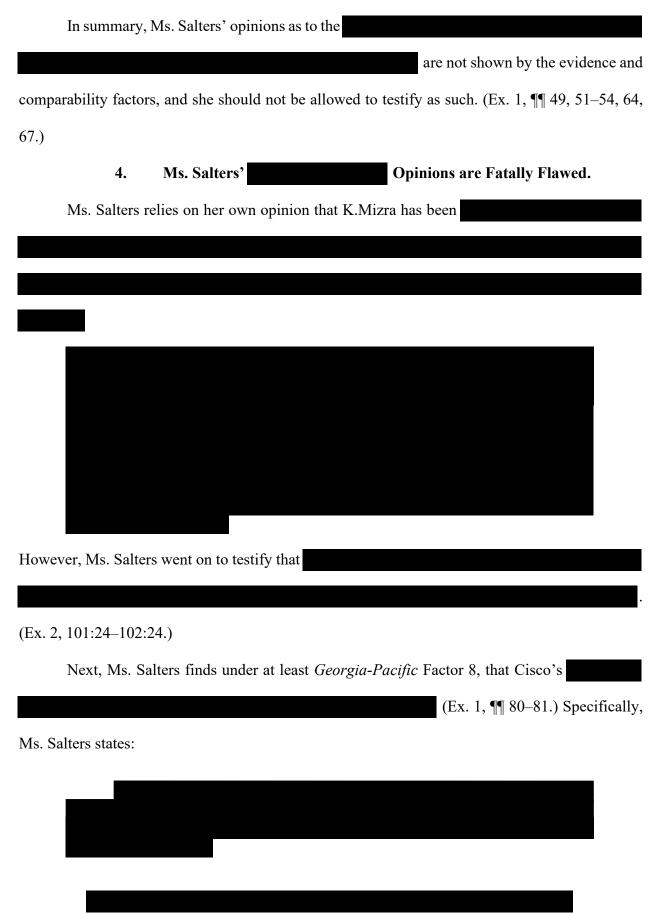
(Id., 53:24–62:25.) Instead, Ms. Salters only considers that

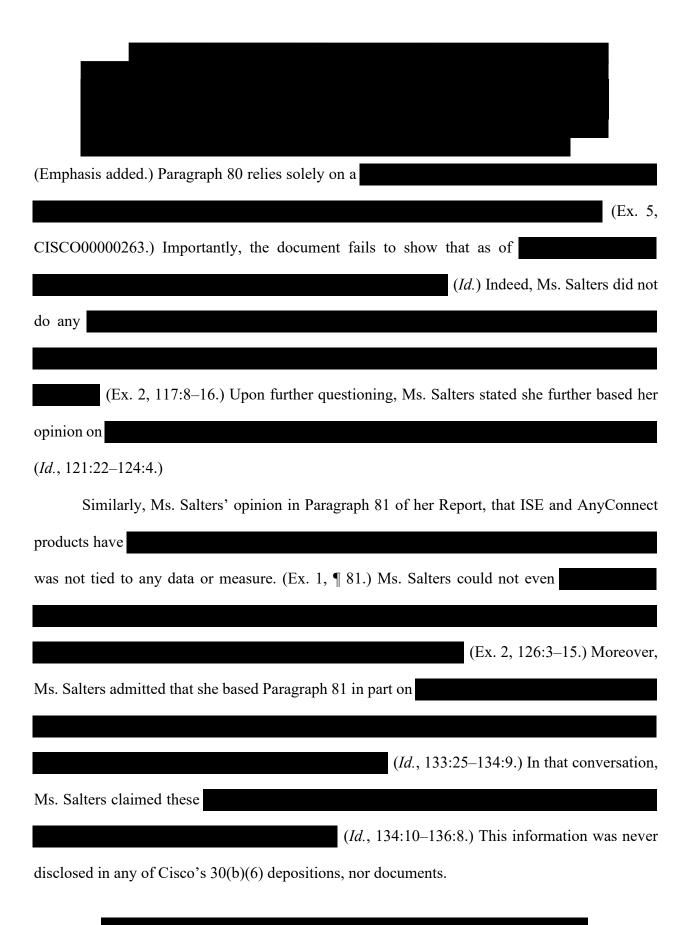
Paragraphs 51-54 and 67 fail to provide sufficient evidence to conclude that the

were technological and economically comparable, requiring that any related testimony not be allowed at trial.

¹ Moreover, Ms. Salters testified that any prior agreements should be within (*Id.*, 20:2–22:10.)

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Ms. Salters' findings as to $(Ex. 1, \P 70)$, K.Mizra's $(id., \P 78)$, and Cisco's $(id., \P 80-81)$ are void of almost any cited factual basis. Instead, she relies upon one conclusory Cisco deposition statement from a licensing representative and one self-serving Cisco 2021 document that does not tie anything about the NAC market and its competitors to the hypothetical negotiation date. While she may have conducted additional research, $(Ex. 1, \P 70)$, K.Mizra's $(id., \P 80-81)$ are void of almost any cited factual basis. Instead, she relies upon one conclusory Cisco deposition statement from a licensing representative and one self-serving Cisco 2021 document that does not tie anything about the NAC market and its competitors to the hypothetical negotiation date. While she may have conducted additional research, $(Ex. 1, \P 70)$, K.Mizra's $(Ex. 1, \P 70)$, R.Mizra's $(Ex. 1, \P 70)$, R.Mizra's (Ex. 1

Moreover, K.Mizra's alleged is not relevant to the *Georgia-Pacific* analysis and unsupported by the data. (Ex. 1, ¶ 78). *Georgia-Pacific* Factors 6, 8, 11, and 13 focus on the commercialization of the infringer and profitability of products made under the patent. K.Mizra's licensing efforts are irrelevant, since Ms. Salters does not know

. Apple Inc. v. Samsung Elecs. Co.,

735 F.3d 1352, 1369–70 (Fed. Cir. 2013) ("While the fact that a patentee has previously chosen to license the patent may indicate that a reasonable royalty does compensate for an infringement, that is but one factor for the district court to consider. The fact of the grant of previous licenses, the identity of the past licensees, the experience in the market since the licenses were granted, and the identity of the new infringer all may affect the district court's discretionary decision concerning whether a reasonable royalty from an infringer constitutes damages adequate to compensate for the infringement.").

Any opinions that rely on statements set forth in **Paragraphs 70, 78, 80, and 81** of the Salters Report should be excluded for insufficient factual basis and all related testimony should be precluded from presentation at trial.

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5. Certain Rebuttal Opinions Should Also Be Excluded.

Paragraphs 100-102 of Ms. Salters' Report rebut K.Mizra's damages expert's

Paragraphs 103-104 rebut the

Paragraphs 111-114 criticize K.Mizra's damages report for

Paragraphs 117-119 state that K.Mizra's damages expert ignored

Finally,

Paragraphs 120-123 discuss K.Mizra's

and K.Mizra's criticism of

These rebuttal opinions should be

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, K.Mizra's Motion should be granted.

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excluded for the same reasons as their affirmative counterparts.

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